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# Memorandum

Subject: Ex Parte Memorandum: Telephone Call Discussion with  
Erika Jones on The Early Warning Final Rule (Part 579)

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Erika Jones called James Simons of my staff on Friday August 16, 2002, and asked how we estimated the consumer complaint burden hours for child restraint manufacturers found in Table 6, page 30 of the "Final Regulatory Evaluation, TREAD Act, Early Warning Reporting System, Part 579" of July, 2002. She tried to use the information provided on pages 30 and 49 and could not replicate the number. James Simons called her back on August 20, 2002 and responded that we assumed that there would be 1,000 safety related complaints per manufacturer per year. For the historical data requirement, there would be an estimated 1,000 complaints x 10 manufacturers x 3 years = 30,000 complaints. Burden hours = 30,000 complaints x 5 minutes per complaint/60 minutes per hour = 2,500 burden hours.

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